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Czech Republic

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The Czech Republic reiterates the substance of its earlier reply, namely, that so far the Czech Republic has not adopted any own national law that would regulate this matter.

As to national practices that might exist or were being developed which related directly or indirectly to the definition and/or delimitation of outer space and airspace, taking into account the current and foreseeable level of development of space and aviation technologies, the Czech Republic has been aware of the differences between the legal regime governing the activities in airspace, on the one hand, and the legal regime governing space activities, on the other hand. Whereas air activities can be effected only with due regard to the generally recognized principle of a complete and exclusive sovereignty of the respective States over the airspace above their territories, outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, is free for exploration and use by all States in accordance with international law.

While the boundary between the two different legal regimes has not been established yet, the Czech Republic has been respecting the custom according to which the launchings of space objects the purpose of which is to remain in orbit around the Earth for a relatively stable period, to move in outer space in any other manner or to land on celestial bodies are considered to be space activities.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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At present, legislation and practice of the United Kingdom do not define or delimit space.
